

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 609
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Katie McKeel, 2005
Salutatorian of Columbia Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Katie McKeel is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Columbia Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. McKeel has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Katie McKeel has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself as a stellar scholar, Katie McKeel is a valuable member of the Science Club, Junior Civitan Club, Spiritual Emphasis Council, Quill and Scroll Society, and the Mock Trial team; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her affinity for hard work and her tremendous self-discipline, Katie was a "Miss Columbia Academy" nominee and was voted "Most Likely To Succeed" in the Senior Superlatives; and

WHEREAS, she has provided astute and inspired leadership as Secretary of the Science Club, District Public Relations Coordinator for the Junior Civitan Club, Senior Class Secretary, and as a member of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades during her high school career; she was her school's 2004 American Legion Girls State Delegate and a member of the Youth Leadership Maury Class of 2004, and she has received the DAR Cumberland District Good Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, truly possessing the spirit of the Renaissance, Katie plays varsity volleyball and tennis; serves with distinction as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Raw Print*; and is the 4th Tennessee Congressional District Winner in the United States Youth Senate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college this fall and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Katie will attend Lambuth University through the auspices of a Presidential Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Ms. McKeel volunteers her time and considerable talents in support of several worthy charitable and civic causes; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Mickey McKeel, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Katie McKeel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Katie McKeel, 2005 Columbia Academy Salutatorian, is hereby honored and commended on her impressive academic achievement. We extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.